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Dear Resident of the Blackbird-Millington Corridor:

The name "Blackbird-Millington Conservation Corridor" may not mean much to you, but I'm sure the place does... because it's your home, and mine too. South of Middletown and Odessa, north of Smyrna, and east of Millington, it's a place where the landscape is still defined by the forests, farms and waterways that people have relied on throughout history for food, trade, transportation, recreation, and inspiration. There is nothing I would like more than for this place to remain the same for future generations of people, plants, and wildlife to enjoy. Unfortunately, that's not likely to happen unless those of us with an interest here work together to insure that it does.

Please join me in contributing our knowledge and experiences about this place and what makes it so special to us, to a conservation planning effort being facilitated by The Nature Conservancy. This is an opportunity for us, as residents, to express our views on what we would like to see happen (or not happen!) to our local landscape. It's also an opportunity to discover the amazing array of plants and animals that share this place with us, making it a focus area for natural resource protection. The presentation and agenda will be the same at each of the following workshops, so please attend the one that is most convenient for you.

Tuesday, March 9th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Blackbird Community Center, Blackbird Forest Road, Townsend, Delaware

Wednesday, March 10th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Blackbird State Forest Office, 502 Blackbird Forest Road, Smyrna, Delaware

Wednesday, March 10th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Millington Elementary School, Route 313, Millington, Maryland

This the first step in a year-long process for evaluating the needs of this Corridor, starting with the experts -- you, me, and our neighbors. Scientists can tell us what makes this an attractive home to plants and animals, and what their needs are, but only we can tell what makes this an attractive home to us and our families and businesses, and what our needs are. That's why The Nature Conservancy has enlisted my help, and why I'm now asking for yours. Please join me at one of these workshops -- all you will need to bring is your own thoughts and ideas!

Sincerely,

Judy Hopkins
Blackbird Corridor Community Outreach Coordinator, local resident and landowner/farmer